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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 50 **Extra Claims** 0 **Fee (\$)** 0 **Fee Paid (\$)** _____
 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20
Indep. Claims 7 **Extra Claims** 1 **Fee (\$)** 200 **Fee Paid (\$)** 200
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2005. Please amend the application as follows: